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SONIC REVIVAL

The NAC Orchestra's new musical director, Alexander Shelley, greets players Tuesday during the unveiling of the orchestra's 2015-2016 season. Shelley said this year's theme is "classical reincarnation." See story, page 6. TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO

Pride 'full steam ahead'

Ottawa Pride festival.
Organizers looking to hire festival director



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Community members resurrecting Ottawa's Pride festival in the wake of a previous pride group's bankruptcy have taken a major step forward by advertising a job opening for a paid festival producer position.

The job posting was scheduled to be posted late Tuesday evening as a loose collective of members of the Ottawa LGBTQ community and the Bank Street Business Improvement Area (BIA) roll up their sleeves to make the 30th anniversary edition of the summer festival a reality.

In an interview with Metro, Tammy Dopson, who announced an overhaul of the festival's governance structure at a news conference at City Hall last month, said interviews will start in mid-March.

Alongside the producer, the group is also looking to fill 17 lead, unpaid volunteer positions for various committees, such as the operations committee. Under the new structure, the Bank Street BIA will have oversight of all financial expenditures and reporting, rather than leaving that responsibility to volunteers.

"Basically, what we've done is we've fortified Pride," Dopson said.

She hopes the new governance under which the festival will operate will send a clear message to other potential sponsors that it is "open for business."

"Our financial models are very stringent because they're done through the city," said Christine Leadman, executive director of the Bank Street BIA.

"This envelope of money would be under the same oversight from the City of Ottawa."

The group will be going to city council in March to seek approval for the new governance structure.

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RedBlacks set for playoffs this year: New acquisition

Maurice Price.

Cheery receiver says he achieved all he could in Calgary, ready to be 'the man' for Ottawa



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If Maurice Price's field play is as big as his ego, the Ottawa RedBlacks will win the Grey Cup this year.

The new receiver who came to Ottawa in a January trade with the Calgary Stampeders — for leading tackle Jasper Simmons and receiver Dan Buckner — got his first look Tuesday at his brand-new stadium, his new locker-room and the mugs of reporters he will face after each game. So far, he likes what he sees.

"There is really nothing left for me to do back in Calgary. I had individual success; we won the Grey Cup this past year," said the six-foot-one, 206-pound Price.

"I like the newness. I like new stuff. This is a new locker-room, a new stadium; so now it's just putting the work in and getting in with the rest of the team and turning things around."

The RedBlacks' inaugural season was one full of growing pains, with the team only winning two games in the campaign. But Price promises

change this season.

When asked point-blank if the RedBlacks will make the playoffs this year, Price looked up with a confident smile and said, "Yes."

Price also wants to be "the man" this year as the RedBlacks' lead receiver, the same role he has played since hitting the gridiron in high school.

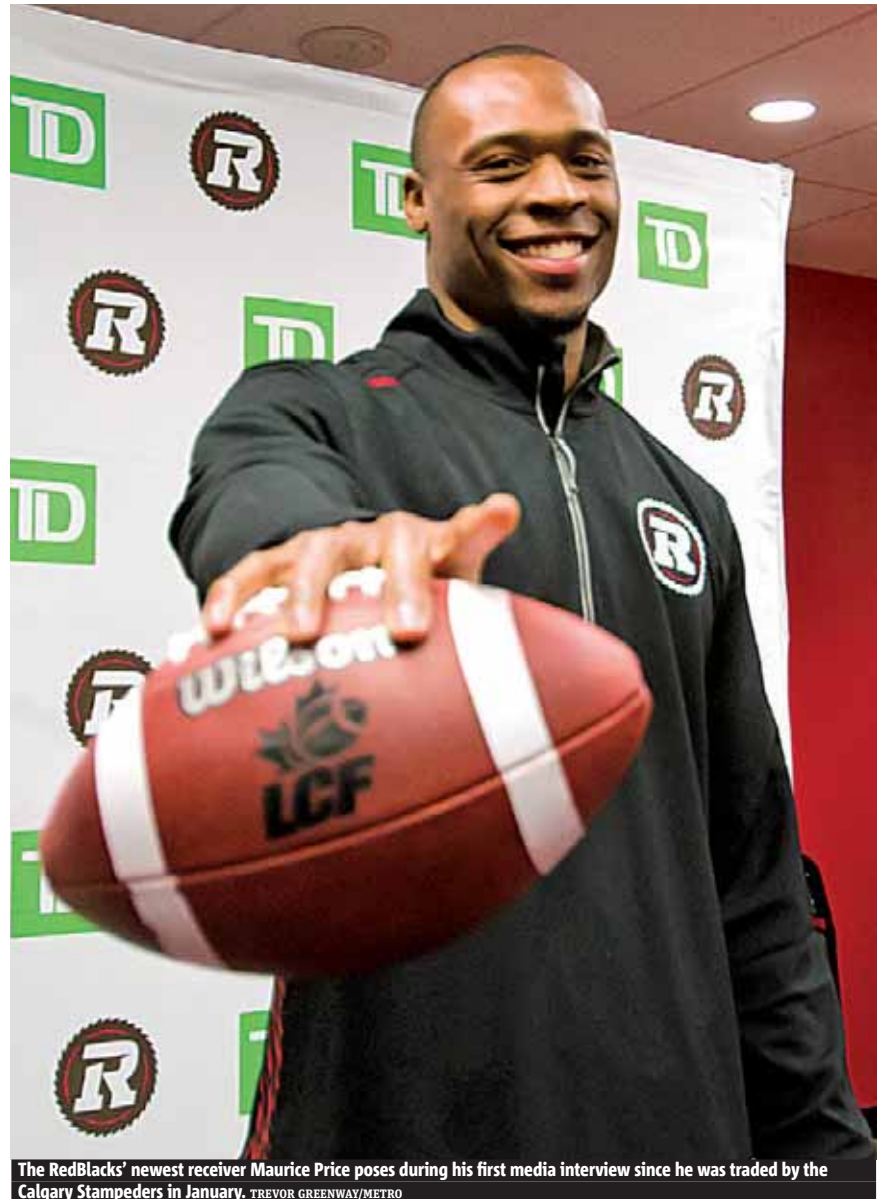
"Do I see me being the main guy? Yeah," he said with the same smile. "That is what I have always been since high school, college and the pros. I thrive in that kind of situation, so, yeah."

Head coach Rick Campbell wasn't as bold as Price and wouldn't guarantee a RedBlacks playoff berth next season. However, he said he loves the mindset and confidence the young receiver carries with him. He said Price will be a "piece of the puzzle."

"You want players that want to be the guy, but he also knows that football is a team game and it's going to take (Maurice Price) and a lot of other guys being the man, so to speak," said Campbell.

"But he definitely has the potential to be a big-play receiver because of his speed, but he is going to be part of 12 guys on the field going out to make plays."

The RedBlacks open the season in Montreal on June 25 against the Alouettes. The team's first home game is July 4 when they host the B.C. Lions.



The RedBlacks' newest receiver Maurice Price poses during his first media interview since he was traded by the Calgary Stampeders in January. TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO

Quoted

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Receiver Maurice Price, on his new role with the RedBlacks

Man stripped of citizenship fights for health care



Deepan Budlakoti JOE LOFARO/METRO

Deepan Budlakoti, a Canadian-born man who was told more than four years ago he is not a Canadian citizen, is not giving up the fight to get his life back.

The 25-year-old has been in and out of the courts trying to restore his citizenship after being convicted of drug charges and selling a hunting rifle to an undercover police officer.

The federal government argues Budlakoti did not become an automatic Canadian citizen at birth in 1989 as his

parents worked for the Indian High Commission in Ottawa.

In a ruling last September, a Federal Court justice dismissed Budlakoti's argument that his parents were no longer working for the commission when he was born.

While preparing to appeal that decision on Tuesday, he argued in front of the Health Services Appeal and Review Board that the province should restore his OHIP coverage.

"The fact that the govern-

ment has taken away my citizenship and now taking away my health care ... I find completely cruel and unnecessary," Budlakoti told reporters.

His case has been widely publicized, which he said has made it difficult to find work. He said he received another work permit last week after being without work since August.

"You feel like everything's been pushed on you and you got to prove that you're a citizen even though you were

born and raised your whole life in Ottawa," he said.

In an email to Metro, Citizenship and Immigration Canada said citizenship is "a privilege, not a right" and Budlakoti was never entitled to it.

"Excluding the children of foreign diplomats born in Canada from automatic Canadian citizenship has been a feature of Canadian citizenship law since ... 1947," said a spokeswoman. JOE LOFARO/METRO

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Queen's Park. Sex-ed debate turns ugly

As several hundred social conservative protesters loudly rallied against Ontario's new sex-education curriculum outside the legislature, the debate inside was even more heated.

Progressive Conservative MPP Monte McNaughton, a leadership hopeful, attacked Premier Kathleen Wynne on Tuesday for not doing enough to consult parents before implementing the new syllabus that takes effect in September.

McNaughton told the house that the premier should not be imposing views upon parents concerned about the revised program designed to protect children by better informing them about sex.

Wynne, Ontario's first openly lesbian premier, suggested the Tory MPP was being homophobic.

She rhetorically shot back at McNaughton that perhaps he thought she wasn't qualified to weigh in on the subject because she's a woman, a mother, a grandmother, a former school trustee, a past education minister or that she has a master's of education.

As Wynne thundered

at the Tory member, Liberal MPPs heckled that that wasn't "the real reason" he was complaining.

Outside the chamber, McNaughton said it was "ridiculous" to accuse him of homophobia and the main reason the premier is unqualified is that her government faces so many scandals that are being investigated by police, including the Ornge air-ambulance fiasco and the deleted gas-plant emails affair.

He and his rival PC leadership candidates — MPP Christine Elliott and MP Patrick Brown — met with the raucous protesters, many of whom brandished anti-abortion signs.

Inside, the morning question period was especially nasty — Education Minister Liz Sandals mocked McNaughton and other right-wing Tories saying they "want to make the teaching of evolution optional."

"That's not a bad idea," thundered PC MPP Rick Nicholls.

His heckle provoked groans and eye-rolling from some Tories and a death stare from NDP MPP Catherine Fife. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



MPP Monte McNaughton, centre, meets Tuesday with protesters opposing the new sex-ed curriculum at Queen's Park.

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Committee OKs school heritage designation

Westboro. But board wants to demolish old Broadview school



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An 88-year-old elementary school in Westboro is one step closer to earning a heritage designation.

On Tuesday, the planning committee voted 8-2 to grant the Broadview Public School's tower a heritage designation.

While the Broadview proposal would be a win for heritage groups, it could send the school board back to the drawing table for new classroom plans.

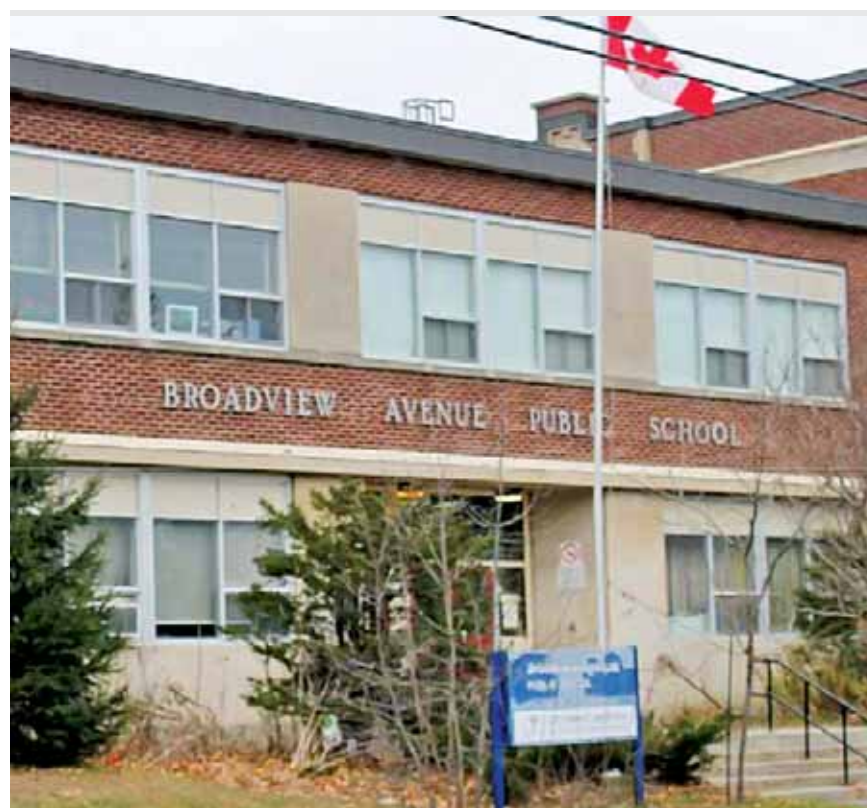
The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board is planning a new \$15-million school project that would entail demolishing the old facility.

The province would cut 30 per cent of its funding — almost \$4 million — if the school were to repurpose the old building, according to board officials.

Apart from the funding loss, the board would have to mothball the old building or find a third-party buyer willing to neighbour 2,000 school kids.

Still, the board is moving forward with a new school plan, said chairwoman Shirley Seward.

"From the very practical point of view, we will have to change the site plan in order to take into account that the building will be



The planning committee has approved a heritage designation for Broadview Public School in Westboro. It was built in 1927. COURTESY CITY OF OTTAWA

there," she told reporters.

Broadview Public School was built in 1927 after a fire destroyed the previous building. It's designed in the collegiate Gothic style, which was popular in the early 20th century.

David Jeanes, the vice-president of Heritage Ottawa, said the building is an important part of the history of the former Township

of Nepean.

Only a "small portion" of the building would be designated heritage, which means the board could still demolish a portion of the building, he said.

He suggested the tower be used as community space, which is lacking in the neighbourhood.

Coun. Riley Brockington, who was one of two dissent-

ing votes, said the heritage designation would create an "unrealistic expectation" in how the building will be maintained or used.

"It's going to be very hard to use this site for anything other than a long-term home for squirrels and sparrows," he said.

The proposal has been sent to council for a final vote.

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The old Domtar site may not look like much now, but the billion-dollar mixed-use “sustainable community” is being billed as Ottawa’s answer to Toronto’s Distillery District. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

Zibi aims to bridge communities, uses

Chaudière Crossing.

Newly renamed billion-dollar Windmill development hailed by mayor as a ‘dynamic’ live-work-play project



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It’s cold, vacant and the paint is chipping, but an old industrial building along the Chaudière Crossing in Gatineau will be a “vibrant marketplace” of offices, retail and restaurants next year.

It’s part of the first phase of Windmill Development’s billion-dollar mixed-use “sustainable community,” which officially launched on Tuesday with a new name.

The project will be called Zibi — the Algonquin word for “river.” It’s fitting, said Windmill Development partner Jeff Westeinde, because the project sits on unceded Algonquin territory and spans both sides of the Ottawa River.

“We ran the name by both community members in Kiti-gan Zibi, Pikwakanagan and



Windmill Development partner Jeff Westeinde speaks to reporters Tuesday. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

the Algonquins of Ontario,” said Westeinde, who’s partnered with his brother, Jonathan Westeinde, and Dream — the company that developed Toronto’s Distillery Historic District.

Zibi will be like Ottawa’s version of that district.

The old pulp and paper mill buildings on Chaudière and Albert islands — some as old as the early 1900s — will be transformed into condos, a hotel, waterfront parks and pedestrian and cycling paths over a 10- to 15-year period. The entire project spans 37 acres across Gatineau, Ottawa and the National Capital Commission.

It also aims to bridge three communities — Algonquin,

English and French — with signage in all three languages.

In the first phase, two six-storey condo buildings will be built and livable by 2017. Windmill is still in talks with possible tenants for three of the industrial buildings in Phase 1, but Jeff Westeinde said a café, brewpub, spa and local catering company may be moving in.

The waterfront will be accessible for the first time since Philemon Wright’s first sawmill in 1808.

Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson said this “exciting, dynamic” project will complement the LeBreton Flats redevelopment.

“If we get these two properties right, I think we will serve our community well into the next 50 or 60 years — a good transit system, a good live-work-play community here, some exciting initiatives potentially at LeBreton Flats,” he said. “So we’re firing on all cylinders and I’m very excited about the future of this area.”

However, five people have filed appeals on the development to the Ontario Municipal Board, including architect Douglas Cardinal, who designed the Canadian Museum of Civilization (now the Canadian Museum of History).



An artist’s rendering of a redeveloped Chaudière Crossing. CONTRIBUTED

One-planet rating system

The ‘most sustainable community’ in the world

The developers of the billion-dollar Chaudière Crossing development — now called Zibi — are touting the project as the “most sustainable community” in the world.

A carbon-neutral develop-

ment and recycled storm water are part of the plan.

“We’ve selected a one-planet rating system to do that,” said Jeff Westeinde. “One planet has 10 components — everything from zero carbon, zero waste to things like health and happiness because we know that we can engineer highly sustainable infrastructure, but how users interface with that makes all the difference in the world.”

Ottawa Riverkeeper

Meredith Brown said up until now, there have been no developments in the city’s watershed that are this environmentally progressive.

“We really need to have innovation in the watershed and I think that this is a good example,” she said.

While she has heard some people say they would rather see the site turned into a public park, it’s contaminated and no one has stepped up, she says.



From left, Maisy Odjick and Shannon Alexander. It has been more than seven years since Odjick and Alexander went missing. CONTRIBUTED

Families of 2 missing teens want answers

'National crisis.' Years after disappearance of aboriginal teens, no one has a clue as to what happened to them



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It has been more than seven years since Maisy Odjick and Shannon Alexander went missing.

The teens, aged 16 and 17 respectively, left Alexander's house in Kitigan Zibi near Maniwaki, Que. without their belongings — including wallets — on Sept. 5, 2008.

Their families still do not know if they are alive or dead.

"It's disheartening knowing that we don't have answers," said Maria Jacko, Odjick's aunt. "What more can be done right now?"

Jacko is at least hoping that a roundtable on missing and murdered aboriginal women in Ottawa on Friday will help launch an inquiry into what she calls a "national crisis."

The national roundtable will bring together delegates from federal, provincial and territorial governments as well as the Assembly of First Nations, the Congress of Aboriginal

Quoted

"It's disheartening knowing that we don't have answers."

Maria Jacko, aunt of one of the missing teen

Peoples and the Native Women's Association of Canada.

"I think it's a good start," Jacko said.

"I'm hoping that the government will see this and see this as an initiation as some sort."

In May, RCMP released a report that found 1,181 police recorded incidents of missing or murdered aboriginal women between 1980 and 2012.

Also on Friday, Carleton University will hold a peoples' gathering on the same topic from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. That talk will include elders, families of missing and murdered aboriginal women and girls and health supporters.

Anyone can attend and registration is free.

There will be a closed gathering of family members of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls the previous night, on Feb. 26.

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Winter

Residents with history of frozen pipes encouraged to run water

The City of Ottawa is advising residents with a history of frozen water pipes to take steps to keep their water pipes from freezing this winter.

Most water services in Ottawa are buried deep enough to protect them from cold

In numbers

2,000

The city says it's identified 2,000 properties known to have vulnerable water pipes.

temperatures, but the city says it's identified 2,000 properties known to have vulnerable water pipes and informs those property owners annually with letters explaining how to prevent their pipes from freezing. **METRO**

Comiccon

MacGyver is coming to Ottawa

Ottawa Comiccon organizers have announced a new "guest of honour" for their May 8 to 10 event. MacGyver and Stargate SG-1 star Richard Dean Anderson will meet fans, sign memorabilia and participate in photo ops and will also take part in a Q&A, with a firm date

announced in April, and a full schedule following in early May. Two other TV stars were also announced as attendees; Mighty Morphin Power Rangers actors Austin St. John and Karan Ashley will also be at the convention.

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NAC music director ready for a 'sonic reincarnation'

Centre stage. New season will breathe new life into classics, says musical director

The lights were up, the curtain was drawn and the cameras were rolling as the NAC Orchestra unveiled the lineup for its 2015-16 season under the glitz and glamour of the centre's main theatre.

Musical Director Alexander Shelley took centre stage Tuesday morning, announcing headliner after headliner that will make up the NAC Orchestra's bold, ambitious season.

Shelley said this year's season is a "sonic reincarnation" of great classics.

"Every time we go on stage, every time we perform a work, we bring it almost literally to life," said Shelley, dressed in a classy grey suit and black tie, his hair perfectly slicked.

"Music consists otherwise merely of black dots on long

Lineup

The NAC also announced its concert series lineup Tuesday, with a star-studded cast that includes Natalie McMaster, "superstar pianist" Lang Lang, Royal Wood and organist Cameron Carpenter who plans to "blow the lid off Southam Hall."

lines crammed inside pages of scores, hidden in the depths of a music library, inert, mute. In the moment of performance we are bringing the notes to life. We are reawakening the souls of the composers and the spirit of the times in which they lived."

This year's theme is "classical reincarnation," as the orchestra brings a blend of old and new to the stage, including three commissioned Canadian creations — story-driven performances based on Canadian literature, art, film and history.

The first is a piece entitled

Dear Life, based on Nobel Prize-winner Alice Munro's autobiographical short story of the same name.

The second, I Lost My Talk, is a work based on a poem by Mi'kmaq poet and elder Rita Joe on her experiences of growing up in residential schools. The piece, composed by NAC Award Composer John Estacio, promises to be a powerful, moving performance.

The third commission, Golden Slumpers Kiss Your Eyes, is a tribute piece to the orchestra's beloved first musical director and founding conductor Mario Benardi.

"Coming to Canada, I have been struck by the distinctive perspectives of your novelists, poets, songwriters, filmmakers, visual artists," said the U.K.-born conductor, who has toured the world with his music.

Among the works in next season's lineup are classics like Stravinsky's Little Suite No. 1, Charlie Chaplin's City Lights and Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue. **TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO**



NAC Orchestra music director designate Alexander Shelley **THOMAS DAGG/NATIONAL ARTS CENTRE/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Munro inspires NAC Orchestra



Alice Munro's *Dear Life* and other works are seen on display at Book City in Toronto. **KATIE DAUBS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Works inspired by Nobel Prize-winning writer Alice Munro and Mi'kmaq poet Rita Joe are among those in the National Arts Centre Orchestra's new season.

The first commission in the 2015-16 season, unveiled Tuesday in Ottawa, is "Dear Life," based on Munro's 2012 collection of short stories.

Canadian writer Marilyn Simonds is adapting it, alongside Donna Feore as producer and director and Canadian pianist Zosha Di Castri as composer.

The NAC says it will be "a multimedia immersive experience" sung by soprano Erin Wall.

Wall will also sing Mahler's Symphony No. 4, which will be presented alongside *Dear Life* as the season opener on Sept. 16.

This is the orchestra's first season under the leadership of music director designate Alexander Shelley.

He says he was moved by Munro's *Dear Life*, the Ontario-raised author's most personal collection of stories, when he was given it as a present upon

Quoted

"When I read 'Dear Life,' it just felt like this very interesting interaction with her memories of youth."

Alexander Shelley, music director designate, on Alice Munro's 2012 short story collection

assuming his new role at the NAC.

Meanwhile, Joe's poem "I Lost My Talk" has inspired a new piece composed by John Estacio, with Feore as producer and director.

The multi-disciplinary work was commissioned for the orchestra by the family of former prime minister Joe Clark to commemorate his 75th birthday. It will be presented in a program that will also include Shostakovich's Ninth Symphony.

"Rita Joe's poem hits you in the gut — in the context of residential schools, in the context of the commission at the moment looking into that, which I had been reading about anyway," said Shelley.

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The arts. National Gallery of Canada sets Biennale endowment with donation

The Donald R. Sobeys Foundation has donated \$2 million to the National Gallery of Canada Foundation to establish the Canadian Artists in Venice Endowment.

The endowment will provide financial support to artists representing Canada at the Venice Biennale art exhibition in Venice, Italy.

The gallery says it's now hoping to attract other philanthropic partners for the endowment.

A major space in the gallery will be named after the Sobeys family in recognition of the gift, which is an "unprecedented" move, according to a gallery foundation press release.

The National Gallery of Canada Foundation is a not-for-profit registered charity that supports the gallery in Ottawa.

The Donald R. Sobeys Foundation is named after Donald Sobeys, chair emeritus of Empire Company Limited, which



The National Gallery of Canada **STEVE WHITE/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

owns the Sobeys supermarket chain. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Veterans Affairs office

Ex-soldier gets 4 years for planned attack

A former soldier who was planning to attack a Veterans Affairs office has been sentenced to four years in prison. Glen Gieschen, 45, is getting 18 months of credit for time served in custody.

He pleaded guilty in November to possession of

a firearm, possession of a prohibited weapon and possession of a weapon.

Judge Sean Dunnigan said Gieschen's crimes were "chilling in their intricate planning."

Court was told that he had a beef with the military over coverage for multiple sclerosis he believed was caused by a flu shot he received while in the military.

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National Defence

Mentally ill soldiers more likely to be declared unfit

New research by National Defence shows that soldiers with mental health conditions, especially those with Afghan war experience, are far more likely to be declared unfit for military

service and almost 70 per cent of them can expect to be mustered out within 10 years of deployment.

The startling figures are contained in an analysis by the Canadian Forces Health Services Branch, which reviewed the medical files of over 30,000 troops who deployed as part of the nearly-12-year Afghan campaign.

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Halifax

Africville residents seek changes to proposed lawsuit

Hundreds of people who were relocated from a black community in Halifax decades ago are hoping to breathe new life into a statement of claim filed nearly 20 years ago after discovering

new evidence about their eviction.

Lawyer Robert Pineo said the City of Halifax expropriated the land in Africville in the 1960s but did not follow its own rules under the city's charter. Pineo said the residents were never informed at the time that there was a process they could follow to appeal the amount of compensation they were offered for the land. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Obama Keystone veto not final word

Pipeline dispute.

Congress passed a bill earlier this month forcing approval of the project

U.S. President Barack Obama made good Tuesday on a threat to veto a bill to approve the Keystone XL pipeline, bringing the two sides in the long-running controversy to a rare point of agreement: Their battle is far from over.

"The president's veto of the Keystone jobs bill is a national embarrassment," said the top Republican in the House of Representatives, John Boehner.

"We are not going to give up in our efforts to get this pipeline built — not even close."

The issue is about to play out on two fronts. One is a major presidential regulatory decision and the other, as suggested by Boehner, likely involves future clashes with Congress.

The Canadian government echoed that theme: "It is not a question of if this project will be approved; it is a matter of when," said a statement

from Natural Resources Minister Greg Rickford.

"We will continue to strongly advocate for this job-creating project."

Even the White House concurred that the issue is far from settled. It pointed out that Tuesday's announcement was a step in a long, winding process — not a final destination.

The president cast the veto as a matter of procedural principle. In his letter to Congress, Obama said the bill he was scrapping had improperly tried to usurp presidential authority.

The White House position is that cross-border pipeline permits are a matter for the president to decide — not Congress, which passed a bill earlier this month forcing the approval of the project.

That bill was delivered to the president Tuesday and he vetoed it on the very first available day.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said the president could still, in theory, approve the pipeline. The veto doesn't necessarily reflect Obama's view on the pipeline itself, he noted.

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Toronto police ask public to help solve the tunnel mystery

Toronto police handout photos show the site, entrance and underground construction of the tunnel found near one of the venues for this year's Pan American games. The tunnel, discovered in January by a conservation officer in a densely wooded area, is located 25 metres from the fence of the Rexall Centre, which is to host tennis events for the summer games. But while the investigation is still ongoing, police emphasized that the structure wasn't currently thought to pose a public safety threat. THE CANADIAN PRESS

First Nations. School pilot project shows good results

Former prime minister Paul Martin said a "remarkable" pilot program for reading and writing at two First Nations' elementary schools should be rolled out across Canada.

On Tuesday, Martin announced results from a four-

year literacy program at Walpole Island and Kettle and Stony Point First Nations in Ontario that showed students were well behind provincial reading and writing standards when the study began in 2010. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Anti-terror bill. Harper calls for swift passage

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is urging a House of Commons committee to study the government's anti-terror bill as quickly as possible, in spite of accusations the Conservatives are using their majority to rush the legislation onto the books.

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair told the Commons on Tuesday it is essential to scrutinize the bill, and asked Harper to ensure that security and human rights experts are not only heard, but also heeded.

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Tories back off asking to extend assisted suicide deadline



MP Stephen Woodworth says the government should use the controversial notwithstanding clause to override the time limit the Supreme Court set on the issue of assisted suicide. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Confusion reigned Tuesday over how the Harper government intends to respond to the Supreme Court ruling that struck down the ban on doctor-assisted dying.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper refused to give a straight answer when asked whether the government may use the constitutional notwithstanding clause to override the court's ruling.

He said the government intends to launch "comprehensive" public consultations on the matter before deciding how

to respond to the court ruling. But the government gave only a vague outline for how that consultation process will work.

Moreover, the government sent mixed signals about whether it intends to meet the court's 12-month deadline for crafting a new law.

Bob Dechert, parliamentary secretary to Justice Minister Peter MacKay, initially said Tuesday that 12 months is not enough time to deal with such a sensitive issue, particularly since an election will shutter Parliament for two or three

months in the fall.

But he later backtracked, saying the government intends to meet the deadline. Dechert said he'd been speaking as a lawyer, not on behalf of the government, when he earlier predicted that the court would "most likely" grant an extension. The question of assisted suicide is "amongst the most important, I think, that we'll ever have to deal with," Dechert told the House of Commons as he gave the government response to a Liberal motion calling for creation of a special

committee to consult and report back by mid-summer with a proposed new law.

"I don't think that we should be rushed into doing something that's inappropriate — not taking the time to properly and carefully consider it and hear all opinions — simply because there is a 12-month imposed deadline."

The Conservatives will vote against the motion because they believe a committee is not the right venue for a broad public consultation, he added.

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Marijuana. Alaska becomes third state to legalize pot

Alaska on Tuesday became the third U.S. state to legalize the recreational use of marijuana, but organizers don't expect any public celebrations since it remains illegal to smoke marijuana in public.

In the state's largest city, Anchorage police officers are ready to start handing out \$100 fines to make sure taking a toke remains something to be done behind closed doors.

Placing Alaska in the same category as Washington state and Colorado with legal marijuana was the goal of a coalition including libertarians, rugged individualists and small-government Republicans who prize the privacy rights enshrined in the Alaska state constitution.

When they voted 53-47 per cent last November to legalize marijuana use by adults in private places, they left many of the details to lawmakers and regulators to sort out.



Peter Lomonaco, co-founder of the Alaska Cannabis Club, and CEO Charlo Greene roll a joint at their dispensary in Anchorage, Alaska.

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The initiative bans smoking in public, but didn't define what that means, and lawmakers left the question to the alcohol regulatory board, which planned to meet early Tuesday to discuss an emergency response.

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Iran. Tehran 'will not get a nuclear weapon': Kerry

Secretary of State John Kerry told wary lawmakers on Tuesday that it was premature to criticize nuclear negotiations with Iran before any deal can be reached to keep Tehran from developing atomic weapons.

"The president has made clear — I can't state this more firmly — the policy is Iran will not get a nuclear weapon," Kerry told members of a Senate Appropriations subcommittee. "And anybody running around right now, jumping in to say, 'Well, we don't like the deal,' or this or that, doesn't know what the deal is. There is no deal yet.

And I caution people to wait and see what these negotiations produce."

Kerry testified in Congress after returning to Washington from the latest round of talks in Geneva involving Iran, the U.S. and five other world powers. U.S. and Iranian officials reported progress on getting to a deal that would clamp down on Tehran's nuclear activities for at least 10 years before slowly easing restrictions.

Negotiators are rushing to try to meet a March 31 deadline for a framework agreement.

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Egypt

State definition of terrorism expands

The Egyptian president has issued a law that broadens the state's definition of terrorism to include anyone who threatens public order "by any means," and gives authorities powers to draw up lists of alleged terrorists with little judicial recourse.

Under the law, prosecutors can name someone a terrorist, freezing their assets, and barring them from public life or travel, with only simple approval from a judges' panel, and without a trial. The listing is valid for three years and can be renewed.

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Iraq

Baghdad bombs kill at least 40

A series of bombings in Iraq, including twin blasts in a busy street in a Baghdad suburb, killed at least 40 people and wounded dozens on Tuesday, Iraqi officials said.

The deadliest of the day's attacks came shortly before sunset, when a bomb exploded in Baghdad's southeastern suburb of Jisr Diyala. Minutes later, a car bomb went off near the site of the first blast as people started gathering to help the victims of the initial explosion.

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Ukraine disputes separatists' claims of artillery pullback

A bus drives by a convoy transporting artillery pieces outside Donetsk, Ukraine, Tuesday. Howitzers were seen moving east from the largest rebel-held city in eastern Ukraine further into separatist-controlled territory, but the Ukrainian government disputed the rebels' claim that a heavy weapons pullback had begun. A peace plan worked out in marathon talks on Feb. 12 aims to create a wide buffer zone between the two sides' artillery, part of efforts to end the conflict that has left nearly 5,800 dead since last April. Heavy weapons are to be pulled back 25 to 70 kilometres from the front line, depending on their calibre. VADIM GHIRDA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ISIL abducts at least 70 Assyrians from villages

Syria. Of those taken by the militant group, the majority were women and children, while thousands fled to nearby cities

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"I feel so helpless, I cannot do anything for them but pray."

An unidentified Assyrian Christian woman from Tal Shamiram, one of the villages attacked by ISIL. She's been unable to contact either her parents or her brother.

to safer areas.

The captives' fate was unclear Tuesday, a day after they were seized, and relatives said mobile phone service was cut off and land lines also were not going through, adding to the fear and uncertainty about their loved ones.

ISIL has a history of killing captives, including foreign journalists, Syrian soldiers and Kurdish militiamen. Most re-

cently, militants in Libya affiliated with the group released a video showing the beheading of 21 Egyptian Christians.

The group's bloody campaign in Syria and Iraq, where it seeks to form a self-styled caliphate, has repeatedly targeted religious minorities since it took control of a third of both countries. A U.S.-led coalition of regional partners are conducting a campaign of air-

strikes against the group.

Nuri Kino, the head of a group called A Demand For Action, said between 70 and 100 Assyrians were taken captive. About 3,000 people fled and have sought refuge in the cities of Hassakeh and Qamishli, he said.

"Have they been slaughtered? Are they still alive? We're searching for any news," said an Assyrian Christian woman from Tal Shamiram, where most captives were taken from. Others were abducted from nearby Tal Hurmiz.

"I feel so helpless, I cannot do anything for them but pray," she said.

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Suicide bombers strike at Nigerian bus stations

Teenage suicide bombers, suspected to be Boko Haram extremists, killed at least 24 people in separate blasts Tuesday at crowded bus stations in two northern Nigerian cities 300 kilometres apart.

In the northeastern town of Potiskum, a young man forced his way onto a bus and detonated explosives that killed 12 people and injured 20, according to the bus driv-

er and hospital records.

Hours later, two young men were blamed for explosions that ripped through a bus station in northern Kano city, killing at least 12 people and injuring many more, according to state police commissioner Ibrahim Idris. Witnesses said the bombers appeared to be 17 or 18 years old.

The explosions triggered

fires that destroyed two buses and a car, Idris said.

The attack in Potiskum came two days after a girl who looked about 10 years old carried explosives that detonated, killing her and four others at a market in the same town.

Attacks by girls and young women have raised fears that Boko Haram is using some of its hundreds of kidnap victims to carry out bombings.

At least 10,000 people have been killed in Nigeria's Islamic uprising in the past year, according to the Council on Foreign Affairs, and some 1.6 million people have been driven from their homes in the campaign to enforce strict Islamic law across Nigeria, whose 160 million people are divided almost equally between Muslims and Christians. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Williams, O'Reilly cases similar, but consequences take different paths

Media. NBC News suspends Williams even after apology; O'Reilly goes on offensive, Fox News supports its star

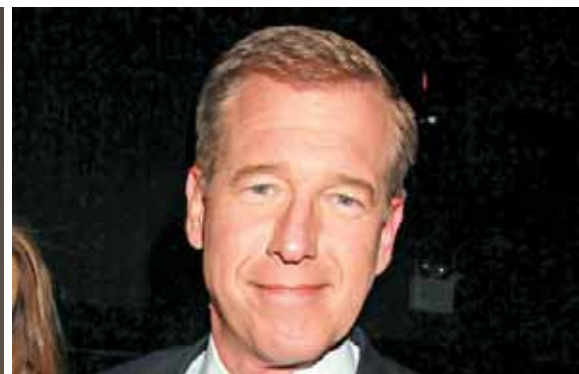
Two prominent television personalities are accused within weeks of each other of misrepresenting their wartime reporting experiences in ways that made those experiences seem more dangerous than they actually were.

That's what Brian Williams and Bill O'Reilly have in common as each man is besieged with questions about his credibility. Most everything else about their episodes diverge, from the responses to the consequences.

NBC News suspended Williams for incorrectly saying he rode in a helicopter hit by



Fox News host Bill O'Reilly, left, and suspended NBC Nightly News anchor Brian Williams have been accused within weeks of each other of misrepresenting their wartime reporting experiences in ways that made those experiences seem more dangerous than they actually were. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE



enemy fire while reporting in Iraq in 2003. O'Reilly, Fox News Channel's prime-time star, is accused of claiming he had reported in a combat zone for CBS News during the 1982 Falklands War when he was more than 1,000 miles from the front.

Caught in a factual mis-

take, Williams apologized, publicly and to his colleagues.

O'Reilly immediately went on the offensive after the Mother Jones story was printed, attacking the publication and its authors in several media interviews. He explained that his use of the term combat zone for re-

porting at a demonstration was shorthand for saying he was in Argentina covering the war.

With Williams both the anchor and managing editor for the top-rated network evening newscast, NBC took the accusations as a very real threat to the credibility of

the entire news organization.

NBC executives say they're rooting for Williams' return. But the suspension is so severe that many have likened it to a professional death penalty, and wonder if Williams can ever make it back to such a prominent respected position. "The aura of cred-

ibility that NBC nurtured and paid tens of millions of dollars for is gone with Brian Williams, and I don't think you'll ever restore that, even with an apology tour," said Mark Feldstein, a journalism professor at the University of Maryland.

Fox News, through its chairman and CEO Roger Ailes, has issued a statement of support for its prime-time star. O'Reilly leads an opinion-based show for a combative audience that often feels its star is a target of liberal media members and cultural arbiters. With the accusations against him that are already on the table, O'Reilly is in no danger of losing his job, said Jay Rosen, New York University professor and author of the Pressthink blog.

Fox and its fans relish the fight, Rosen said, adding: "I think he would be in danger if he apologized."

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VA secretary not asked to quit

U.S. Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert McDonald apologized anew Tuesday for erroneously claiming he served in the military's special forces, and veterans groups and lawmakers appeared ready to accept his expression of regret.

At a news conference outside VA offices, McDonald told reporters he made the misstatement in a conversation with a homeless veteran he was trying "to connect with" during an impromptu meeting on a Los Angeles street last month. "I made a mistake. I apologize for it. I

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"I have no excuse."

Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert McDonald

have no excuse," he said.

McDonald said integrity has been "one of the foundations of my character," from his Boy Scout days to his military service, business career and seven-month tenure as VA secretary.

Lawmakers and veterans groups have said they are disappointed at McDonald's com-

ment, but his misstep has not led to public calls for his resignation so far.

"A lie is a lie," said Michael Helm, national commander of the American Legion, the largest veterans service organization. "The secretary has apologized, as he certainly should," Helm said Tuesday in a statement. "We hope that he can restore the trust that he lost."

The Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, also said they accepted McDonald's apology. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Germany

Toddler dies of measles in Berlin

An 18-month-old boy who wasn't immunized died of measles in Berlin on Feb. 18, the first known death in an outbreak that has seen more than 570 cases in the German capital since October.

An autopsy showed the child had a medical condition, but it wouldn't have led to his death. Authorities believe the Berlin measles infections began with a child from Bosnia whose family was seeking asylum. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nazi-era art sales

Heirs of dealers sue to get trove back

The heirs of Nazi-era Jewish art dealers say they have filed a lawsuit in the U.S. suing Germany and a German museum for the return of a medieval treasure trove worth an estimated \$226 million U.S.

The suit is the latest salvo in a long-running campaign by the heirs for return of the so-called Welfenschatz, or Guelph Treasure — which they claim their ancestors sold under Nazi pressure.

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Atlanta

Police probe theft of pet tarantulas

An Atlanta man told police a spider thief snuck into a crawlspace under his home and stole five of his 18 pet tarantulas. Austell police say they've issued an arrest warrant for a man accused of possessing the arachnids.

Dwayne Melton said he didn't know his spiders were missing until he got a phone call from Animart Pets where someone had just sold five tarantulas to the business.

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Canadian firm clears way for 'a robot in every company and every job site'

Technology. Kitchener, Ont.-based Clearpath Robotics rolling out robots to automate 'dullest, dirtiest and deadliest' jobs

Inside the headquarters of Clearpath Robotics, a robot revolution is underway.

Where a receptionist would have once welcomed your arrival, there's now a little robot named Glados hanging from the ceiling above a vacant table. It scans the waiting room to detect movement and offer its greeting.

It's a glimpse of how co-founder and chief executive Matt Rendall envisions the future, as robots change the way people live and work.

"Before the home, our vision is 'a robot in every company and every job site,'" he said. "There are still so many



A Husky robot, left, and a Jackal robot are seen at the Clearpath Robotics warehouse in Kitchener, Ont. THE CANADIAN PRESS

jobs that humans are not well-suited to do."

A recent study from the Boston Consulting Group shows that investment in industrial robots will grow 10 per cent per year in the

world's 25 biggest export nations, through 2025.

Companies will be motivated by how cost-effective and efficient robots are compared to the human work force, the study said. It's estimated that

labour expenses can be reduced by 24 per cent in Canada, and cut even further in regions like South Korea and Japan.

Rendall believes that's where Clearpath comes in, as

Clearpath's robots

Clearpath's fleet of heavy-duty yellow and black robots fit between the look of a Tonka truck and the character in Pixar's *Wall-E*.

- Some of the robots are equipped to travel across the ground, while others are made for aerial and aquatic operations.
- Basic models start at \$10,000 before modifications — like mechanical arm extensions, cameras and lasers — bulk up the price. Larger models are closer to \$125,000.

simulation project run by the University of Toronto and the Canadian Space Agency. Using a remote, the operator can drive the model over rough terrain using cameras installed on the machine.

The Kingfisher aquatic model uses two ski-like hulls for balance to navigate across shallow pond surfaces or fast-flowing water.

Clearpath says municipalities could use the robot and sonar technology to monitor sludge buildup in the ponds used to collect storm water.

The company has also developed software and hardware for mining companies to replace workers in hazardous conditions.

The operator, who would have once worked deep below the Earth's surface where humidity levels are high and oxygen levels are low, can now control the machinery from a safer location, Rendall said.

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Skinny guys earn \$8,437 less than men who are average weight. In fact, pay goes up the more weight a man gains, until he reaches obesity.

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Let's get to work

TFSA. Two studies warn against increasing limits

Two studies on tax-free savings accounts sound alarm bells about their long-term fiscal impact, if the Conservative government keeps a 2011 campaign promise to allow people to park almost twice as much money in the popular savings vehicles.

The report from the left-leaning Broadbent Institute says a pledge to up the TFSA contribution limit to \$10,000 from the current \$5,500 would ultimately cost billions in lost tax revenue while primarily lining the pockets of the wealthy.

The report says the majority of Canadians would bear the burden of reduced public services or higher taxes to offset the lost revenues.

The study was written by Jonathan Rhys Kesselman, an economist whose research on tax-free savings laid the groundwork for the government's initial introduction of TFSAs in 2009.

The parliamentary budget office also weighed in Tuesday on TFSAs, calling them regressive. The impact on public finances in the early years is relatively minimal, Mostafa Askari, assistant parliamentary budget officer, told a media briefing on the

TSFAs, by the numbers

- Number of people with current TFSAs: Almost 11 million
- Percentage of holders in 2013 who earned less than \$70,000 a year in after-tax income, according to the federal government: 75 per cent
- Percentage of holders who earn less than \$42,000 a year after taxes, according to the federal government: Almost 50 per cent
- Federal tax expenditure on TFSAs in 2013, according to the Broadbent Institute: \$410 million
- Projected annual federal tax expenditure on TFSAs in 40 to 50 years, according to the Broadbent Institute: \$15.5 billion

PBO report. But by 2080, costs will increase tenfold, reaching 0.57 per cent of GDP.

Tax-free savings accounts primarily benefit the well-to-do, Askari said.

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Wisconsin

Workers protest right-to-work bill

About 2,000 construction workers, electricians, carpenters and other union members rallied at the Wisconsin state capitol on Tuesday, pushing back against a fast-tracked right-to-work bill backed by Republicans and Gov. Scott Walker. Right-to-work laws in place in 24 U.S. states, prohibit private-sector companies from reaching labour agreements in which workers have to pay fees to unions as a condition of employment.

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VOICES

RINK RAGE NEEDS TO BE STOPPED

The Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association finally got so sick of the bad behaviour of some parents, it banned eight of them from watching their kids' games. It would be nice if this didn't have to happen, but if Lord of the Flies taught us anything, it's that the only way to stop bullies is, y'know, to stop them



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Call it rink rage.

It's the situation where otherwise civilized, middle-aged parents melt down over a call by the referee at their son's or daughter's hockey game.

Maybe we've even been tempted to lay a little rink rage on the referee ourselves. Because for a long time, it's been a free shot.

It doesn't seem to matter that it's only a kids' game that is supposed to be fun. (Fun is for losers!) Or that the referees are often only kids

themselves who are still learning and have never heard anything like the, um, colourful language coming from behind the glass:

"There's no F!@#\$\$ way that was (a) a goal (b) offside (c) interference (d) icing (e) all of the above, and it's time to let that stupid F!@#\$\$ idiot have a piece of my mind."

The Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association has finally run out of patience with this nonsense, and this past weekend banned eight parents from attending their kids' games. It then added a fine for any coaches who dispute the

Big babies



An entire generation has learned it's not necessary to grow up, and it's wreaking havoc down at the rink

ref's call.

Twenty referees on the Island have quit this season, citing an overdose of parental abuse. They're tired of being assaulted, cornered in dark parking lots, spit upon and showered with hot coffee, all for the less-than-50-bucks they get for calling a game.

It's just as bad (or worse)

next door in Alberta, where 35 per cent of the approximate 5,000 amateur hockey referees quit after every season, vowing never to call another game.

So far in Alberta this year, there have been 15 match penalties — after players, egged on by their testosterone-fuelled dads (and moms ... this is equal

opportunity bad behaviour), went after the refs.

Watch the video of the overgrown baby in Pennsylvania who protested a call on the ice by smashing a panel of tempered glass with his fist, and you'll see what I mean. And he's hardly the worst. At least he's taking it out on an inanimate object.

There was a time, perhaps, when grown-ups could be counted on to behave. That's when there were grown-ups.

An entire generation has learned it's not necessary to grow up, and it's wreaking havoc down at the rink where people actually think

it's their right to take things out on the refs. Free speech or something.

So should more hockey organizations follow in Vancouver Island's steps and ban unruly spectators?

Uh, yeah!

An ugly truth about human nature is that if people aren't held accountable, they seem capable of doing just about anything (See: Lord of the Flies).

Bullies are made bold by the knowledge that they have nothing to fear. As soon as they have something to fear, they aren't bullies any more.

How about that?

Confessions of a former Mean Girl, on Pink Shirt Day



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It's Pink Shirt Day in Canada — a national day to raise awareness about bullying — so let's talk.

Bullying education has come a long way since I was a kid. Students today learn that bullying takes many forms, from the physical to emotional, and they're taught to recognize and address these various forms of abuse.

It's a conversation we need to keep having, as it's easy for children — and adults — to ignore the types of bullying that don't leave bruises.

When I was in elementary school (scrunchies were the fashion accessory of choice, if that gives you context) bullying wasn't something we really talked about. At least not the sly Mean Girls-style bullying, of which I was both a victim and a perpetrator.

A part of me knew I was being hurtful when I joined my friends in randomly mocking or ignoring a classmate for a week. But it didn't occur to me until adulthood that I was as much a bully as the boys who pushed little kids down in the



While it's a sign of conformity in Mean Girls, in real life Pink Shirt Day is symbol of solidarity against the very bullying that Regina George et al were guilty of in the movie. SCREENGRAB

playground.

Today, the root of my guilt lies in how I behaved in the seventh grade to one of my best friends, whom we'll call "Melissa."

Melissa and I were inseparable for a couple years before having a falling out. I don't remember why or how it started.

What I do remember is leaving nasty notes about her

in her textbooks, hoping she'd find them when she went to do homework. I remember whispering about her to other girls, and loudly exclaiming that so-and-so was my "new

best friend." I don't remember feeling like I was doing anything wrong.

I ran into Melissa a couple times as a teenager — once at a party, where she told me I was

the reason she changed schools in Grade 8. I saw her again at Christmas Eve Mass a few years later. I shyly waved hello and reintroduced myself to her mother, who was polite but curt (and rightly so).

I've typed her name into Facebook a couple times in recent years and found her profile. I even went so far as to draft apology messages, but deleted them before pressing "send".

Melissa's not on Facebook any more, at least not under her given name, and I don't know where to find her to let her know I'm sorry.

I wonder how many other women have grown up to realize that behaviour they thought was a normal part of school life was damaging to their peers?

Pink Shirt Day is changing the school environment for a generation of girls (and boys), and for the better. My daughter will be better informed and better armed to combat bullying than I was.

I may not be able to atone for how I treated Melissa, but I can be sure to teach my own daughter that bullying involves much more than throwing punches.



Red-carpet fashion critique, or racial slur? Zendaya weighs in



OK, two things: One, Disney star Zendaya Coleman looks amazing. And two, Fashion Police pundit Giuliana Rancic is not a very good comedian. While critiquing looks from the Oscars red carpet, Rancic had this to say about Coleman's long, luxurious dreadlocks: "This hair, to me, overwhelms her. I feel like she smells like patchouli oil. Or weed! Yeah, maybe weed?" Yikes.

Well, naturally, Coleman wasn't too pleased, and she registered her displeasure

Zendaya Coleman

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in a lengthy and well-reasoned rebuttal on Twitter. "There is a fine line between what is funny and disrespectful. Someone said something about my hair at the Oscars that left me in awe," Coleman wrote.

"Not because I was relishing in rave outfit reviews, but because I was hit with ignorant slurs and pure disrespect. To say that an 18-year-old young woman with locs must smell of patchouli oil or 'weed' is not only a large stereotype but outrageously offensive. I don't usually feel the need to respond to negative things but certain remarks cannot go unchecked." She then went on to point

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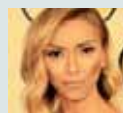
"To say that an 18-year-old young woman with locs must smell of patchouli oil or 'weed' is not only a large stereotype but outrageously offensive."

Zendaya Coleman

out numerous other notable people who don dreadlocks.

Rancic, for her part, tweeted that she was totally not referencing race but instead was making fun of bohemians. But man, what did bohemians ever do to her?

Twitter



@GiulianaRancic

Dear @Zendaya, I'm sorry I offended you and others. I was referring to a bohemian chic look. Had NOTHING to do with race and NEVER would!!!



Gossip

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METRO'S TAKE
ON THE WORLD
OF CELEBRITIES



Bobby gets flak for BET showing

Bobby Brown popped up on the broadcast of The BET Honors Monday night, which seemed a little strange to some viewers watching at home — you know, since his daughter is currently in the hospital fighting for her life and all. A few even took to Twitter to admonish Brown for getting his priorities mixed up. Here's the thing, though: The awards show — which also featured a surprisingly eloquent and entertaining speech on racism — actually took place back on Jan. 24, a full week before Bobbi Kristina was hospitalized. So, you know, ease off, OK?



Bobbi Kristina

Chris's run for the border is denied

The "good people of the Canadian government" turned singer and felon Chris Brown away at the Canadian border Tuesday, forcing the cancellation of his scheduled shows in Toronto and Montreal.

"The good people of the Canadian government wouldn't allow me entry. I'll be back this summer and will hopefully see all my Canadian fans!" Brown tweeted. "Unfortunately I will not be able to perform in front of sold out crowds in Montreal & Toronto."

The tour promoter, Live Nation, confirmed that the Between the Sheets Tour dates featuring Chris Brown, Trey Songz & Tyga at the Bell Centre in Montreal scheduled for Tuesday, and at the Air Canada Center in Toronto scheduled for Wednesday were cancelled "due to immigration issues."

Refunds will be available at the point of purchase, a spokesperson said.

Brown pleaded guilty to the assault of his then-girlfriend R&B star Rihanna in 2009. While still on probation, he assaulted a man outside of a Washington, D.C. hotel in 2013. He pleaded guilty to the assault of that man, Parker Isaac Adams, last September. According to Citizenship



Chris Brown

and Immigration Canada (CIC), people with criminal convictions for various offences, including assault, can be deemed "criminally inadmissible" from entering Canada and denied entry.

Convicted felons can appeal to a border guard that they have been rehabilitated or apply through a formal process to prove they have been rehabilitated in order to be let into the country, according to CIC. Their success depends on the severity of the crime, the time that has passed and if they have re-offended.

Other celebrities have been denied entry to Canada, including Martha Stewart in 2005 and actor Wes Bentley in 2012.

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METRO IN TORONTO

Will Vogue finally nab Kate for its September issue?

As is common knowledge, the September issue of Vogue is a very big deal. Possibly the biggest deal in the fashion bible's year. So it's probably not that surprising that Anna Wintour has set her sights on Kate Middleton for the cover this year. "In the digital age, there is even more pressure to deliver huge sales numbers. Anna knows landing Kate for the September issue would be a huge coup, especially since Prince William's wife has never done a magazine feature for a U.S. publication," a source tells Radar On-

line. "Anna has been trying for the last two years to get Kate to agree, and she's always refused. But this time, Anna has stepped up the campaign and is now enlisting her numerous high-powered connections." So, you know, stay tuned.



The
Duchess of
Cambridge

Hoggard stoked to host Junos

Music. Hedley singer Jacob Hoggard ready to send up his peers as host of awards show

When Hedley's Jacob Hoggard takes the stage to host this year's Juno Awards, he hopes to channel some of the irreverent wit flaunted by two-time MC Russell Peters.

Some, but not all, perhaps. Hoggard needs to maintain friendships in the Canadian music industry, whereas Peters was comfortable to gleefully skewer it.

"I thought Russell killed it — he's such a natural onstage. I think more than anything else I'm envious of his comedic licence to just cut everybody to shreds," said Hoggard, who was announced as Junos host on Tuesday morning.

"I'm a little jealous of that. I probably can't treat my peer group the same. But there's always room for a sideways remark.

"Ultimately," he added, "I'm holding the microphone and it's live. So if I truly feel like it, I can exact judgment."

Reggae-infused Toronto pop outfit Magic! leads with five nominations heading into



Jacob Hoggard of Hedley is used to performing at awards shows, but at next month's Junos he'll be taking on a new role as host. GETTY IMAGES

the March 15 bash at Hamilton's FirstOntario Centre, while Montreal's dark poet Leonard Cohen and Calgary dance breakout Kiesza charge in with four nominations apiece.

As Hoggard familiarized

himself with the list of nominees, however, he emphasized that there would be no way to anticipate the evening's storyline.

"If there was ever an episode that Unsolved Mysteries hasn't done, it would be on

the Junos — because it's one of the most enigmatic processes we've experienced as far as who wins, and why, and how," said Hoggard, whose band has now been nominated 29 times — including three times this year — and won only twice.

"There's always surprises and you never know why, ultimately. But I think that's what's exciting about it.

"Throughout the whole music business, no one has a ... clue what's going to happen."

Also performing

Hedley will also perform during the Junos telecast, along with dance producer Deadmau5, Magic! and hometown rockers Arkells.

- Hoggard hints that if he has a Neil Patrick Harris-style production number in him, it could emerge there.

This is one of several instances where Hoggard punctuates his point with profanity. Given that the Junos are broadcast live in parts of the country (on CTV), does he expect nervous producers will keep a finger on the delay?

"Interestingly enough, it's not my first foray in live television working with these exact same producers — they're the producers who put on Canadian Idol," said Hoggard, who finished in third place on the reality singing competition's second season.

"They were in the room when I first walked in 10 years ago, so we have a great rapport ... In one respect, it's sort of a very full-circle sort of thing for me."

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Cable television

Jeanne Beker joins Shopping Channel

Fashion guru Jeanne Beker is taking on a new position as style editor at The Shopping Channel.

Rogers Media says the former Fashion Television personality will also host The Shopping Channel's new live show, Style Matters with Jeanne Beker.

The program will feature everything from her personal style to accessories and home decor.

It will premiere on March 12 at 8 p.m. ET on TSC and tsc.ca, as well as the ShopTSC mobile app for iPhone and Android.

In a statement, she says her "aim is to empower every woman's 'inner editor' and help her make the choices that will best suit her own unique style voice." THE CANADIAN PRESS



Jeanne Beker
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Reality TV

Former Dragon takes up Dancing

Robert Herjavec is going from the Den to the dance floor.

The Canadian-raised former Dragons' Den and current Shark Tank personality has joined the 20th season of Dancing With the Stars.

The entrepreneur was featured in six seasons of Dragons' Den — for which he won three Gemini Awards — and has starred in all six seasons of its American counterpart, Shark Tank.

His partner on Dancing With the Stars will be Australian ballroom dancer Kym Johnson.

The new season premieres March 16 on ABC.

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Robert Herjavec
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From kissing Kelly to Better Call Saul

For a certain segment of the TV-viewing audience, Patrick Fabian is best known as the guy who romanced Kelly Kapowski on Saved by the Bell: The College Years.

Now that he's logged a few episodes as a smarmy lawyer on the Breaking Bad spinoff Better Call Saul, Fabian says he's ready to finally shake that long-ago role.

"When I got the job, actually a friend of mine texted me and he said, 'Hey, maybe 'he kissed Kelly Kapowski on Saved by the Bell' will no longer be on your tombstone,'" Fabian chuckles during a recent phone interview from Los Angeles.

Fabian's Better Call Saul turn as Howard Hamlin follows dozens of mostly guest appearances and supporting roles all over the dial, from The Newsroom to Scandal to Castle to 24.

He gushes over his current role as a hotshot lawyer on the quirky AMC series, which traces the origins of Breaking Bad strip mall lawyer



Patrick Fabian stars in AMC's Breaking Bad spinoff, Better Call Saul. GETTY IMAGES

Saul Goodman, played by Bob Odenkirk, to when he was known as struggling public defender Jimmy McGill.

Monday's episode ratcheted up the tension between Jimmy and Hamelin. Jimmy erected a highway bill-

board advertising his floundering legal services, while also aping Hamelin's blue-chip firm.

A fuming Hamelin is on a mission to put Jimmy in his place, and Fabian hints that could lead to more clashes be-

tween the two lawyers.

"He didn't get to be the head of a 125-employee top white-collar law firm in Albuquerque by being nice the whole way," Fabian notes of his sun-kissed character.

Of course, there's not much Fabian is willing to reveal about future episodes.

Not that he's necessarily privy to all of the show's secrets. He says plot surprises were heavily guarded on set, with scripts often partially redacted.

Fabian didn't even know the Breaking Bad character Tuco would appear on the show until he saw the finished episode.

"It was like we were working in the NSA or something like that," he jokes.

"So when I saw the pilot and all of sudden Tuco comes out, I'm like, 'No way, man!' I was thrilled of course, it was such a great thing. I had so many people texting me. All they did was just text: 'Tuco!'"

Better Call Saul airs Mondays. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The world's best beaches



Looking for the sexiest beach in the world? Head to Miami. ISTOCK

List. Swimsuit models, kitesurfers and other beach bums have curated this winter's most critical guide

A panel of 'beach experts' that includes a Sports Illustrated Swimsuit model and professional kitesurfer has helped determine a list of the world's best beaches for families, romance and people watching.

With most of Canada in the throes of a deep freeze, the Travel Channel has released the results of its annual Best Beach Awards 2015 just in time to offer the winter-weary a virtual, seaside escape ahead of spring break.

For those shopping for an



Best party beach: Punta del Este in Uruguay. ISTOCK

adults-only beach that offers a pulsing nightlife and teeny polka-dot bikinis, head to Miami, Fla., which snagged the title of sexiest beach.

"Soft sand, beautiful warm water, interesting people, volleyball and fun spots to go to for a bite or a beverage nearby," says swimsuit model Nina Ág-

dal. Another plus? "... it's acceptable to wear tiny bikinis."

Couples seeking a romantic, tropical escapade may want to head to Little Dix Bay in the British Virgin Islands, which was named the most romantic beach for its hidden coves, luxurious resorts, and "barefoot elegance."



Best unusual beach: Red Beach in Santorini, Greece. ISTOCK

And for sun-seekers looking for a beach destination that's far from the madding crowds, consider the best beach you've never heard of, Lake Atitlan in Guatemala, suggests Travel Channel.

As the deepest lake in Central America, Lake Atitlan is located in the highlands of Gua-

temala in a volcanic crater and has been called one of the most beautiful lakes in the world.

"Nestled in the valley of three volcanoes (one of them still active), you'll not only take in peaceful volcanic views, but also absorb the vibrant pink, yellow and blue colours of the surrounding vegetation." AFP

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Affordable alternatives for a fun-filled March Break

Family holidays. Try these close-to-home quick getaways



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If a sun or ski vacation is not in the family plans this March Break, there are plenty of affordable options closer to home that will ensure your kid's break is a happy one.

Toronto's Le Dolci foodie studio is offering a culinary day camp between March 16 and March 20, which will allow your young chef to experiment and test his or her skills in the kitchen. Everything from marshmallows and truffles to crepes and pies is on the menu. Parents can sign their kids up for one day or the whole week.

A huge benefit to living in our nation's capital is the number of outstanding museums available to you. Ottawa's By-



The Canadian Museum of Nature in Ottawa. ISTOCK

town Museum has a redesigned Youth Activity Area where kids can learn more about Ottawa's early beginnings through historic toys and journal entries. There's also an interactive scavenger hunt through two floors of the museum, leading kids to find seven hidden stories to form a timeline of early Ottawa. As a final nod to this long, cold winter, check out the Canadian Museum of Nature's Arctic

Food Fair offering bannock, Arctic berry tea and bison sliders. There's also a giant Arctic floor map that teaches regional geography and natural history.

March in Quebec is the start of sugaring-off season. If you can't make it out of the city, the Montréal Botanical Garden will be offering presentations on maple syrup as well as the chance to taste your own rolled maple taffy.

Edmontonians looking to spend some family outdoor time can take the short 40-minute drive to Elk Island National Park. The park is offering a three-hour guided snowshoe tour through its vast trails, giving you the chance to spy deer, bison and moose. Lunch is included.

If you prefer some indoor fun, Vancouver's popular Playdome at BC Place Stadium runs again this year from March 14 to March 22. With 45 rides and attractions, including a Ferris wheel and tilt-a-whirl, it is western Canada's largest indoor carnival. The daily Dome Pass will set you back \$29.

Cruise

Disney casts spell on Cruise Critic editors

For the third year in a row, Disney Cruise Line has been named the "Best Overall" cruise ship by TripAdvisor's Cruise Critic Cruisers' Choice Awards.

While guests can expect an omnipresent Mickey on both subtle and extreme levels, Cruise Critic editors note that the ship doesn't forget their adult guests, with art deco that's at once elegant and refined and evocative of old-world luxury.

Innovative features and services include digital paintings that come to life, virtual portholes for inside cabins, onboard mystery expeditions, and an adults-only pool. **TEXT: AFP**

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Think about how many people you meet on a regular basis, whether it be through school or work. Now think about how many relationships — both long-term and short-term — you create and maintain.

Rapport is defined as a working relationship characterized by mutual respect and understanding. It's a professional connection, and a skill that most professionals draw upon each and every day.

While you don't have to be BFFs with everyone you meet, it's important to know how important it is to establish a rapport with the indi-

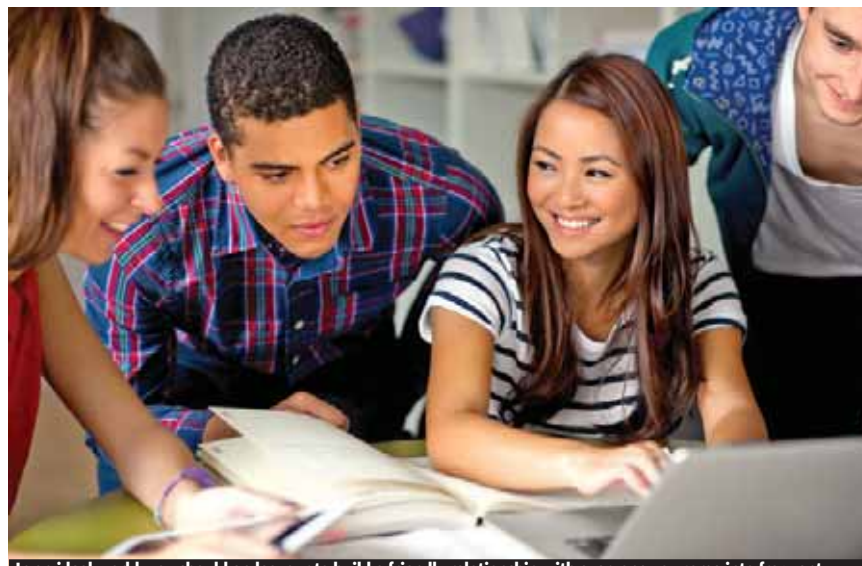
viduals come into contact with frequently. Obvious examples are colleagues and classmates, your manager or professor, but this skill can extend to customers you meet at your part-time job, potential employers at a job interview, and more.

Why is rapport important?

Imagine asking someone — a professor, supervisor, or colleague — to write you a reference letter. Ideally, you would want a letter written by an individual with whom you have a strong relationship, thus making them fit to discuss your qualifications and character.

Reference letters are only one example of why building rapport is important. It's an opportunity to present yourself as a professional and build a connection that will benefit both yourself and the individual that you are working with. The payoff may be immediate, or it may be later, as with a reference letter.

In a customer- or client-focused environment, such as a restaurant or a bank, rap-



In an ideal world, you should endeavour to build a friendly relationship with everyone you come into frequent contact with. iStock

port is what builds customer and client loyalty. The product may be what first draws the person in, but the service they receive will be the deciding factor in whether they return.

If you establish rapport with clients, they may become happy regulars, which will contribute towards securing the business against bankruptcy.

You never know when, or how, a relationship will pay off. So being able to build rapport with anyone that comes your way is incredibly useful; you have nothing to lose.

It's not mercenary or selfish, and any interaction with another person is an opportunity. That said, you also need to be open to helping

others when initiating a connection.

Why do people find building rapport difficult?

Yes, it can be challenging. There are many different reasons people hesitate to build connections — and most of these concerns can be traced back to personal inhibitions.

It's no secret that putting yourself out there in front of others can be nerve-racking, whether it's on a large or small scale.

If you identify as an intro-

vert, your shyness can be an obstacle to establishing a connection.

A complete stranger is a scary unknown; you never know how they will react to your "Hello."

It's easy to worry about things like making a poor introduction and mispronouncing their name.

Perhaps you are out of your element. Talking with someone about a topic that you're unfamiliar with can bring you out of your comfort zone.

People often worry about how they're dressed, how they're delivering their conversations, how their contact is perceiving them. And that makes it difficult to focus on the situation at hand.

At large networking events or conferences, it's easy to meet dozens of people at a time.

It is perfectly understandable if you forget some names, but it doesn't ever feel like it when you're meeting them again, and you're having trouble placing their face and name.

In short, people find building rapport challenging because they are fixated on themselves. It's human nature — and we often forget that we are our own worst critic when it comes to social situations. But there are ways to conquer self-consciousness.

So, how do I build rapport?

The good news is, you can build rapport without provoking responses like, "Did you get a personality transplant?" If you're conducting yourself in a courteous, professional manner, you are already building rapport.

- **Be friendly.** You don't have to be the social butterfly with 500 Facebook friends, but it never hurts to be nice. If you're shy, start with just one person, introduce yourself and never ask the other person about something you are not willing to share. The most important part is to be genuine: Don't try to assume a false personality. That is the foundation of a good relationship — and all it requires of you is a bit of courage and a smile.

- **Be helpful.** Don't feel like you're making this connection in order to leech their assets. If you present yourself as someone who

is open to helping others when they are in a bind (and you are willing to follow through), it becomes a win-win situation for both of you. Don't be afraid to ask for help — adversity helps build rapport, especially if it is faced and conquered together. Lend a hand as often as you can, and when you inevitably need help, rest assured you won't be considered bothersome.

- **Be a team player.** Your own success is important, but if you are working in a group, the success of your team should be one of your priorities. The old saying goes that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link — and you do not want to be that link. Building rapport in a team setting involves presenting yourself as an asset, and forging strong connections with your team members. Be sure to contribute and

participate actively. This can mean anything from staying late with the others to finish a program due by midnight to taking a co-worker's shift in an emergency.

- **Keep in touch.** LinkedIn is the de facto social media site for professional contacts, but Twitter and Facebook can also be used, if you ensure that your profile conveys a professional tone. Once you've met someone, don't hesitate to add them. Never assume that the other person will make the first move and in professional circles, and don't feel like your eagerness to maintain a relationship will be frowned upon — most professionals will be flattered, or even impressed, that you want to maintain a working relationship with them. Just be sure to follow up once in a while to keep your connection going!

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Solo shot

You are the star of your LinkedIn profile, and you should be the only one in your profile picture. Group shots and family portraits are not acceptable as having



It goes without saying that a selfie is not always the best option for your professional portrait. ISTOCK

multiple people in your picture is confusing for viewers. It also makes you look unprofessional, and gives viewers the impression that you don't understand LinkedIn etiquette.

Choose a picture that includes everything from the shoulders up, with 50 to 60 per cent of the picture being occupied by your face. Full

body shots, extreme close-ups, and cropped group shots are a no-no.

Crop It

When it comes to pictures on various social networks, you can't take a one-size-fits all approach. Make sure your image is optimized for LinkedIn specifically by cropping it to a square for

best use across the website. Do a quick Internet search to find a reference tool for the correct image types and sizes for all social networks (including LinkedIn), so you can optimize your images to look great at any size. (sproutsocial.com is a great place to start)

Quality is key

Your LinkedIn picture is the face of your online professional brand, so a high-quality image is essential. Ideally, you should invest in a professional headshot. Professional photography will show you in your best light, and most photographers will be able to coach you into better posture and a good facial expression.

If professional pictures are not an option, recruit a friend with a good camera to help you out. Make sure to take lots of photos so you have options. A high resolution picture, even if it's not professional, beats a low-res webcam picture any day.

Dress for success

It's important to dress ap-

Get a second opinion

- When in doubt, ask a friend what they think of your picture. Ask what message it conveys about you, what they think of your facial expression, outfit, and if the quality is sufficient. If you want more objective feedback, try a tool like www.photofeeler.com, that lets users rate your photo based on metrics like competence, likability, influence, and trustworthiness.

propriately for the job or the industry you want. What would you wear to an interview at your desired company or to an industry event? Keeping in mind that the picture will only show your upper body, pay special attention to your neckline, collar, hair and makeup.

Pick jewelry and accessories carefully. While a statement necklace might look great in person, it might not

translate well on camera. It's best to avoid busy patterns and very sparkly jewelry.

Choose a background that will let you stand out, preferably something that slightly contrasts your outfit. A neutral background (black, white or grey) is always a safe bet, but locations like an office, historical building, or an outdoor setting will work well, too.

Choose a picture that looks like you

This seems obvious, but there are a shocking number of profiles with decade-old pictures, or individuals who got a little too heavy-handed with Photoshop.

Make sure you pick a photo that actually looks like you, so recruiters or potential employers can recognize you when meet. When it comes to Photoshop, some retouching is acceptable, but save the magazine-worthy makeover for your other social networks. Update your picture frequently (every two to three years is sufficient), or if you make a major change to your appearance.



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Meatballs ditch their spaghetti sidekick

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This dish stuffs the meat with ricotta and replaces pasta with polenta for a totally new twist on an old favourite



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This recipe I developed for the Dairy Farmers of Canada is a different way to serve up meatballs to your family and friends than the typical spaghetti and meatballs dish.

Whether you enjoy one meatball as an appetizer or a few for dinner with the creamy polenta, it is a unique experience.

The addition of ricotta inside the meatball is one of my favourite twists.

If you don't have fresh bread crumbs, soak stale bread in milk or water and break up into small pieces and add to meat mixture.

Cooked meatballs can be covered and refrigerated for up to two days, which will speed up your dinner time.

Directions

1. Ricotta Filling: In a bowl, stir together ricotta, bread crumbs, parsley and salt. Roll into 16 little balls; set aside.

2. Meatballs: In large bowl, mix together veal, pork, bread crumbs, egg, Parmesan, parsley, garlic and salt until well combined. Using wet hands, divide mixture into 16 balls. Flatten each ball and place a ricotta



This recipe makes 16 large meatballs that work as 16 appetizer servings or 6 to 8 servings. EMILY RICHARDS

ball in centre; pinch meat around the ricotta ball and roll into a large meatball.

3. Place on parchment paper lined baking sheet. Bake in preheated 350 F (180 C) oven

for about 15 minutes or until no longer pink inside, but not browned.

4. Pour half of the pasta sauce in a 13 x 9-inch (3 L) glass baking dish. Add meatballs to

sauce and pour remaining sauce over top. Cover and bake for about 30 minutes or sauce is bubbly.

5. Creamy Polenta: Meanwhile, in a large saucepan, bring milk and water to a simmer over medium heat; gradually whisk in cornmeal and salt. Reduce heat to medium-low and cook, whisking often, for about 15 minutes or until polenta is very creamy and thick.

6. Stir Parmesan into polenta and divide among serving plates; place meatball on top and spoon sauce over top.



This Beef Ragu with Pasta recipe serves six. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In a rush? Reach for sirloin beef tips

1. Arrange the sirloin chunks in an even layer on a rimmed baking sheet. Place in the freezer for 15 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, in a sauté pan over medium-high, heat 1 tablespoon of oil and butter. Add onion, garlic and anchovies and sauté until the onions are tender and the anchovies have broken down, about 5 minutes. Add the tomato paste and cook, stirring constantly, until it begins to darken, about another 5 minutes.

3. Add the cherry tomatoes and vinegar, then stir well and simmer until the tomatoes

Ingredients

- 2 lbs sirloin beef tips, cut into 1-inch chunks
- 2 tbsp olive oil, divided
- 1 tbsp butter
- 1 small yellow onion, diced

- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 oil-packed anchovies, mashed with a fork
- 6-oz can tomato paste
- 2 cups cherry tomatoes, halved

- 2 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 1 cup red wine
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 1 lb cooked pasta
- Grated Parmesan cheese, to serve

begin to break down, about 10 minutes.

4. While the sauce cooks, remove the chilled beef from the freezer. Place it in a food processor, working in batches to avoid overcrowding the bowl, and pulse just until well chopped, but not ground.

5. In a large skillet over medium-high, heat the remaining tablespoon of olive oil. Add the beef chunks and sear, stirring occasionally, just until lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Add the red wine to the pan to deglaze, stirring to remove any bits from the bottom. Immedi-

ately transfer the beef and any liquid in the pan to the saucepan with the tomato sauce. Stir well and bring to a simmer. Season with salt and pepper.

6. Serve the sauce over pasta and top with Parmesan.

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Ways Fido makes you a better you

Dogs. Sometimes man's best friend doesn't get enough credit for making your world a better place

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Miss P the beagle took home barking rights at the recent Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, but there's no debating that the real top dog is the one sitting next to you.

Whether you've trained him to stay off the couch or he's watching the show snuggled closer than your sweetie, he didn't become your best friend because of a shiny coat and perfect posture.

It happened the same way any friendship does: shared interests, mutual respect, enjoying each other's company.

And, like the best of friends, along the way your

dog made you a better person, too.

Turned you into a morning person

Bet the last time you got up before 7 a.m. was during the first year of university for those required newbie classes.

But when your dog has to go, so do you.

Made you more emotionally intelligent

There is nothing more motivating to develop any latent telepathy you may have than trying to communicate with someone who doesn't speak your language (or any language).

The next thing to mind-reading is learning to read their body language — you know which wag of the tail means they're happy, and which means they're impatient and your shoe is going to pay for it.

Taught you good management skills

Whatever their size, dogs tend to have larger-than-

life personalities.

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You learn to give encouragement, acknowledge success, and, yes, discipline when necessary.

Dogs only respect you if you respect them — a lesson direct from Management 101.

Held you accountable

Making a plan and sticking to it maybe wasn't your strong point before.

But when there's someone expecting you at a certain time that you can't just blow off or reassure with a text, you'd better be there.

Run out of dog food because you didn't feel like dragging a 30-pound bag home?

Guess Fido is eating your dinner.

Put things in perspective

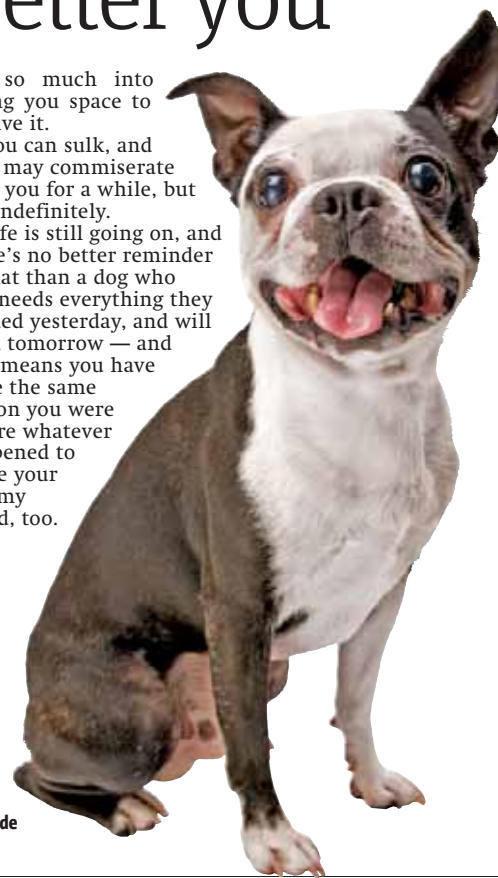
Dogs can sense when you're feeling gloomy, and they're

Your dog isn't just your bestie, he's also made you a morning person. ISTOCK

not so much into giving you space to resolve it.

You can sulk, and they may commiserate with you for a while, but not indefinitely.

Life is still going on, and there's no better reminder of that than a dog who still needs everything they needed yesterday, and will need tomorrow — and that means you have to be the same person you were before whatever happened to cause your gloomy mood, too.



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Blue Jays players go through a warm-up routine on Tuesday in Dunedin, Fla. Pitchers and catchers continue to prepare for the upcoming season, while more position players have arrived for spring training. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Donaldson brings positivity to Jays

MLB. Third baseman seen as a high-energy 'go-getter' by manager

Josh Donaldson remembers going into the Oakland locker-room after hitting his first big-league home run in 2010 as a rookie against the Blue Jays.

Nobody said anything to him about the homer — his first major-league hit.

Now Toronto's third baseman, Donaldson plans to celebrate his new teammates' successes. In a game where failing seven times out of 10 at the plate is considered very good, the 29-year-old all-star says there's plenty of room for positives.

"You win a game, a guy has a big hit, hey, I'm going to be the first one to come up and give you some love and make sure that you know we appreciate that," he said Tuesday, "and that we appreciate you and what you've done."

Donaldson, traded in November for third baseman Brett Lawrie, pitchers Sean Nolin and Kendall Graveman



Blue Jays third baseman Josh Donaldson cranked 29 home runs and 98 RBIs for the Athletics last season. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

and minor-league shortstop Franklin Barreto, is more than a rah-rah guy. He seems comfortable in his own skin and aware that if those around him succeed, he prospers, too.

He says he learned from veteran Jonny Gomes that it helps having people around you who show they care.

"Because baseball's a tough game and it can definitely make you crazy," Donaldson said. "So you need those guys that ... when you're not feel-

ing your best, are going to make you believe that you're probably better than what you're feeling at the time."

Donaldson's drive and positivity are already prized by Toronto.

"He's a go-getter, he's high energy," said manager John Gibbons.

"You love the guys who bring energy," he added. "Baseball, you're playing it every day. These guys get worn down and you don't

Working on a deal

Blue Jays GM Alex Anthopoulos says he believes he can accommodate catcher Dioner Navarro's wish for a change in scenery. He's just not sure when.

- Navarro, who has lost his starting job to newly acquired Russell Martin, has asked to be moved so he can play every day.

want a bunch of dead-asses. You need some guys that have got some spunk."

Donaldson was eighth in AL MVP voting last season, hitting .255 with 29 home runs and 98 RBIs in 158 games. He was fourth in AL MVP voting the year before.

He recently lost his salary arbitration case. His camp had asked for \$5.75 million US but instead got \$4.3 million.

"I felt like I was winning no matter what," said Donaldson, who made the minimum of \$500,000 the last two years.

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NHL

Habs, Ducks swap young wingers

Devante Smith-Pelly knows what he's getting into with the Montreal Canadiens.

"I know it can get nuts down there but I'm pretty excited," Smith-Pelly said Tuesday.

The Mississauga, Ont., native was dealt to Montreal by the Anaheim Ducks in exchange for rookie Jiri Sekac, in a swap of players who are similar in many ways.

The difference is that Montreal got a physical, right-shooting winger in Smith-Pelly in exchange for a quicker, flashier left-hand shot in Sekac.

Smith-Pelly had five goals and 12 assists in 54 games and averaged 14:38 of ice time for the Ducks this season.

Sekac has seven goals and nine assists and averaged 13:48 of ice time per game in 50 games.

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Hernandez trial

Garbage video played for jury

Prosecutors in the murder trial of former New England Patriots player Aaron Hernandez on Tuesday played video surveillance that showed his fiancée removing a trash bag from the home and putting it in a car the day after the victim was killed.

Hernandez is charged with the June 2013 killing of Odin Lloyd, who was dating the sister of his fiancée, Shayanna Jenkins.

On several video clips played for the jury Tuesday, Jenkins is seen leaving the basement of the home with a trash bag that contains what looks like a large box. She puts down the bag and rearranges what appears to be clothing on top. Then she walks through the backyard and is shown putting the box in the trunk of her sister's car.

The .45-calibre Glock that investigators say was the murder weapon has never been found. Carlos Ortiz, who is also charged in the murder but being tried separately, told police Hernandez put guns in a box in his basement after the killing, and prosecutors have said Jenkins disposed of a box from the basement after receiving a coded text message from Hernandez.

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Suarez magic returns in Manchester

Champions League.

Reigning England player of the year lights up Etihad with Barca

Luis Suarez finally emerged from Lionel Messi's shadow at Barcelona by scoring twice in a 2-1 win over Manchester City on Tuesday, putting the Spanish club within sight of the Champions League quarter-finals for an eighth straight year.

Suarez has found goals harder to come by since moving from Liverpool for \$130 million US last summer, but he rediscovered his scoring touch on his return to England with opportunistic strikes in the 16th and 30th minutes. His goals capped a dominant first-half display by Barca in the last-16 first leg.

City improved considerably after the break, with Sergio Aguero reducing the deficit in the 69th, but the home side lost defender Gael Clichy to a red card and was thankful for Joe Hart's last-minute penalty

On Tuesday

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FC Barcelona

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Manchester City

- In Turin. Juventus settled for a narrow 2-1 win over Borussia Dortmund in the first leg of their last-16 tie.
- Carlos Tevez fired Juventus ahead in the 13th minute but Dortmund levelled shortly after through striker Marco Reus.
- Alvaro Morata, who set up the opener, restored Juve's lead shortly before halftime.

save from Messi. With the goal at his mercy, the Argentina star headed the rebound wide to give City renewed hope heading into the second leg on March 18.

"If they lost the game 3-1,

that is really difficult for (City)," Suarez said. "But 2-1 is a good result for them."

Over-run and outplayed in the first half, City was lucky to go into the break only two goals behind as manager Manuel Pellegrini's decision to play a 4-4-2 formation backfired. Barcelona — with Messi to the fore — exploited the extra space in midfield to create chances at will, and Suarez was clinical.

Suarez has a solid — if not spectacular — seven goals in 22 appearances for Barcelona in his first season in Spain and this was the game that announced himself at the club.

Showing the instincts that made him the player of the year in England with Liverpool last season, Suarez pounced on a weak headed clearance by City captain Vincent Kompany and swept a low left-foot finish past Hart.

The Uruguayan striker didn't have to wait long for his second goal, as Messi drifted through two tackles and passed to Jordi Alba, whose delayed cross was glanced in by a sliding Suarez. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Luis Suarez scored 31 league goals in the Premier League with Liverpool last season but has just four in 15 La Liga matches with Barcelona so far.

Manchester City goalkeeper Joe Hart and defender Vincent Kompany can only watch as Luis Suarez's 16th-minute goal sizzles in on Tuesday at Etihad Stadium in Manchester, England. LAURENCE GRIFFITHS/GETTY IMAGES

Canadian Weir undeterred by slow start to 2015



Mike Weir has slipped to No. 176 in the FedEx Cup standings with 48 points, 1,065 behind overall leader Jimmy Walker of the U.S. TODD WARSHAW/GETTY IMAGES

Mike Weir has no problem admitting it — his start to the 2015 PGA season has been horrible.

The native of Bright's Grove, Ont., has missed the cut in six of eight events and withdrew from another, leaving him with just one finish so far this season — 21st in CIMB Classic in Kuala Lumpur.

It's a bitter pill to swallow for the five-foot-nine, 155-pound left-hander, an eight-time PGA Tour champion — including the 2003 Masters — who has won nearly \$28 million over his career.

"My game has not been

Couples coming to Canada

Veteran Fred Couples will lead Team World against Canada on July 6 at Ashburn Golf Club in Halifax. The world squad won last year's inaugural event, earning 5.5 of a possible six points against a Canadian contingent that included Weir, Graham DeLaet of Weyburn Sask., and David Hearn of Brantford, Ont.

good at all," Weir said Tuesday during a conference call to announce the rosters for the RBC Canada Cup this summer in Halifax. "I've been working extremely hard and not seeing really much come out of it."

"But it's still not deterring me, I'm going to keep working

here and try to get this rectified and get back to where I feel like I should be."

Weir, 44, has been bothered recently by inflammation in his right elbow, the same one he had surgery on in 2011 to repair a damaged tendon.

"It's not pain it's just really

tightness and a lack of mobility from that tightness that's bothering me and causing me some problems," he said. "The doctor has assured me it's not re-injured."

Weir had planned to hit some practice balls Tuesday in Palm Beach Fla. — the site of the \$6.1-million Honda Classic starting Thursday — then maybe play nine holes to see how the elbow reacted to the increased workload.

"I played four, five weeks in a row and (practised) hard," Weir said. "It does feel better so I'm going to kind of pace myself." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Qatar 2022

Winter World Cup nearly set

Long seen as inevitable, a 2022 World Cup in November and December is now practically a done deal.

A FIFA task force on Tuesday recommended playing in Qatar at the end of the year in 2022 to avoid the summer heat. Temperatures in the Gulf emirate routinely top 40 degrees C when the World Cup traditionally kicks off in June.

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MLB



"I haven't changed at all."

Right fielder Giancarlo Stanton who signed a record \$325 million, 13-year contract with the Miami Marlins in November. Despite missing the final 17 games, he led the National League with 37 home runs and he's only 25.

He arrived at spring training in Jupiter, Fla., in the same old Maserati he drove last year. It didn't even sport a vanity plate.

MLB

Cain progressing after surgery

Matt Cain pitched his second productive bullpen session of spring training and is encouraged with each step in his recovery from the elbow surgery that cut short his 2014 season with the reigning World Series champion San Francisco Giants.

He's throwing all his pitches and made about 30 in all Monday.

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NBA



"I figure if LeBron can go home ... why can't I?"

Kevin Garnett at his re-introductory press conference on Tuesday in Minneapolis. Nearly eight years after he left Minnesota, the power forward's goal hasn't changed. He still wants to bring a championship to the Timberwolves. That may not happen as a player for the 38-year-old. Garnett also said he's in this for the long haul and hopes to one day own the team that he put on the map.

Tennis

No. 1 Djokovic bombards Pospisil

It was a tall order for Canada's Vasek Pospisil.

The 24-year-old from Vancouver came up against Novak Djokovic in the first round of the Dubai Tennis Championships on Tuesday, dropping a 6-4, 6-4 decision to the top-ranked Serb.

Djokovic was playing for the first time since he won his fifth Australian Open at the beginning of the month.

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Vasek Pospisil fell 6-4, 6-4 against Novak Djokovic on Tuesday in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. GETTY IMAGES

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2015 Acura TLX

- **Type.** Four-door, 5-passenger midsize sedan
- **Engines.** 2.4-litre I4 (206); 3.5-litre V6 (290)
- **Transmissions.** 8-speed automatic (I4); 9-speed automatic (V6)
- **Price.** Base \$34,990; as-tested \$38,690 (plus destination)

Market position

Acura was the first higher-end spinoff by a Japanese company when it debuted in 1986 as a subsidiary of Honda. The TLX bridges the gap between the entry-level ILX and larger RLX.

Points

- The available Tech trim includes forward collision warning, heated rear seats and steering wheel, lane keeping assist, and navigation, among other features.



An all-wheel steering system on FWD models subtly angles the rear wheels on turns for more precise handling.

Interesting features

Standard LED headlamps, sunroof, active noise control, and multi-angle rearview camera; available rain-sensing wipers, road departure mitigation, cross-traffic alert, forward collision warning, and heated steering wheel.

Sedan could use some sparkle



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Review. Acura shelves prior sedans to release all new 2015 TLX

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After more than a decade of offering both the TL and TSX sedans, Acura has split the difference, retired them both, and introduced the new-for-2015 TLX. It's a relatively low-priced entry into the sports sedan category, but it's not going to slay any of the giants that currently control the segment.

It's available with a V6 engine that can be further op-

tioned with Acura's all-wheel system, which the company calls Super-Handling All-Wheel Drive, or SH-AWD. The name is accurate: able to proportion torque between the rear wheels, it does a great job of sticking to the road.

My tester came with the base 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine, mated to an eight-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission. It's a lively little unit, but it's front-wheel drive (as is the V6 if you don't order AWD) in a segment where most of its competition powers the rear wheels. It also needs a little more steering weight and road feel to be truly sporty.

Four settings let you select Econ, Normal, or two Sport Modes, which adjust



The TLX uses a camera and radar system for its traffic-sensing safety features, which can also detect pedestrians.

the engine and transmission response. I usually kept it in Sport, since the economy mode really dragged down the performance, but it defaulted to that Econ mode every time I started the car. It

would be nice if it could "remember" my last setting.

The cabin materials are all top-notch, and I like the dual centre console screens. While the top one displayed the navigation included in my car's

Compare



1 Audi A4

Base price: \$38,750

Like the TLX, it comes with front- or all-wheel drive, but features a 220-horsepower turbocharged engine.



2 Infiniti Q50

Base price: \$37,500

The regular Q50 uses a V6 and is rear-drive or AWD; a hybrid is also available.



3 Cadillac ATS

Base price: \$36,110

Choose from three engines, including a four-cylinder V6, and turbocharged 2.0-litre making 272 hp.

Tech Package, the bottom one let me adjust the stereo and other features, without having to switch between the two. But some of the functions are distracting, such as a heated seat control that requires you to page through two computer screens just to change the temperature.

The exterior styling carries Acura's signature cues, and the handsome headlights contain LEDs, but the overall middle-of-the-road design is easily lost in a crowd. The Acura TLX is an okay car for the price, but if it's going to make waves in the sports sedan segment, it needs a shot of excitement.

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DRIVE

What test car is Garry bringing us this week? We literally have no clue until it lands in our driveway, but who are we to doubt Garry Sowerby, who has a bazillion Guinness records for around-the-world driving? That's a bazillion more than we have, after all. Come along and find out as we drive 'em, dirty 'em and shoot 'em with our phone cams. These are real-life, no-glam reviews.

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Comfort trumps driving pleasure

Special delivery. The 2015 Kia Sedona is designed with safety and relaxation in mind, but doesn't make for an exciting experience

I read in the news the other day that someone was shot at while they were driving their minivan. No one was hurt.

Someone on Facebook cheekily commented that if they were driving a minivan and someone shot at them it wouldn't matter because they were already dead anyway. I chuckled a little.

Yes, the poor maligned minivan. It's apparently where your automotive soul goes to die when your entirely practical side wins out over any form of ambition and joy, whatsoever.

Like in the movie *Top Gun* when fighter-jock Maverick is told that if he screws up "just this much," he'll "be flying a cargo plane full of rubber s— out of Hong Kong." Well, the minivan is the proverbial cargo plane.

I can actually see a bit of this in the hollow look of Garry's eyes when he steps out of the new 2015 Kia Sedona.

But that could also be general exhaustion from dealing with journalists (another form of child) all day long.

Not built for driving pleasure, but rather for driving comfort, vehicles like the Sedona are appliances designed to expertly complete the most mundane of tasks.

And this is actually of paramount importance for anyone who gets a minivan, because if the vehicle takes the most mundane tasks and turns them into painful, wanna-poke-your-eyes-out mundane tasks, then what's the point, really?

Unfortunately — or fortunately, depending on your perspective — I don't have a lot of mundane chores to carry out, or kids to move around to find out if the



Snowball fights through the two huge side doors? Don't mind if I do. JEFF MELNYCHUK PHOTOS



Forward camera hiding in plain sight.



It's more fun to be the passenger than the pilot of this private jet.



Limited room for gear when every seat is occupied.

High-lows

• **WOWS:** Smooth drive and ease of use helps you cope better with certain painful realities. The base model is priced about the same as a gussied-up Kia Forte5, which means good value. Soft-touch materials dulls sibling rivalry screams from the rear seats.

• **HMMs:** Not the vehicle for mavericks — at all. The top model is skewed toward retired one-per-centers, and not actual families with bills. There is little room for gear when all the seats are filled.

Sedona functions without making the whole family miserable.

In fact I'm pretty sure I look ridiculous driving it, all by myself, pretending to yell at rowdy youngsters occupying the third-row seat. But I will tell you this: It's like a private jet inside the thing.

Of the various trim levels, this is the best — the

SXL+ at a stout \$46,000 — with upgraded two-tone black/brown leather (which is specified with the bluish paint) and second-row high-back buckets with lounge-chair-like leg rests.

Functionally, it has the same front-drive layout, 278-horsepower 3.3-litre V6, and six-speed automatic transmission as the well-

equipped base LX at \$30,000.

For the extra cost of a year of university tuition, the SXL+ has far better entertainment and climate control systems and the usual high-end safety electronics to help drivers who have to pay attention to what's going on inside the vehicle as well as what's going on with traffic.

Esthetically, there are 19-inch wheels and some chrome pieces, but you'll get varying degrees of that in the middle trims.

I could get used to riding in the Sedona, although not driving it, because as well thought out as it is, it's pretty clear that the vehicle is about comfort and safety over any type of visceral pleasure,

which means it's more fun to be a passenger than a driver.

That shouldn't be too shocking, but if necessity should come knocking, you could really do far worse.

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2015 Dodge Journey Crossroad
shown: \$31,785.¹



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Starting From Price for
2015 Ram 1500 Laramie Crew Cab
shown: \$44,890.¹

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shown: \$31,485.¹



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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

Aries

March 21 - April 20

You must expect changes today, and if you are smart you will change yourself. The most vital change you can make is in your attitude towards others.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Ignore those you don't get along with today and spend your time with people whose beliefs are in tune with yours.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Something you've worried about for ages is not important and what happens today will convince you of that.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You want to be on the move. You want to get away from your usual environment and do something different. But don't make it anything too energetic. If you can't do it sitting down, it's most likely not for you.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

A friend or family member will bend over backwards to help you today and if you are smart you will let them, even though you don't want to be in their debt. If you need financial assistance now is the time to ask.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

This is a good time for partnerships and affairs of the heart, so forget about all the things that went wrong in the past and think of all the things that will go right in the future.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Forget about duties and do what makes you happy. You are not in the mood for work and if you try to force yourself to do things that don't inspire you the end result will be frustration.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

If you are not feeling on top of the world don't worry about it because it won't be long before your mood moves rapidly in the other direction.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

If you need to persuade someone to see things your way or to do you a favour this is the time to make your play.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

If you need to say something that might upset people, say it now rather than later. The Sun in the communications area of your chart will help you find the words to convey your meaning.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Don't let money worries stop you from enjoying yourself. There are times when you must watch what you spend and times when you should splash out. This is one of the latter.

Pisces

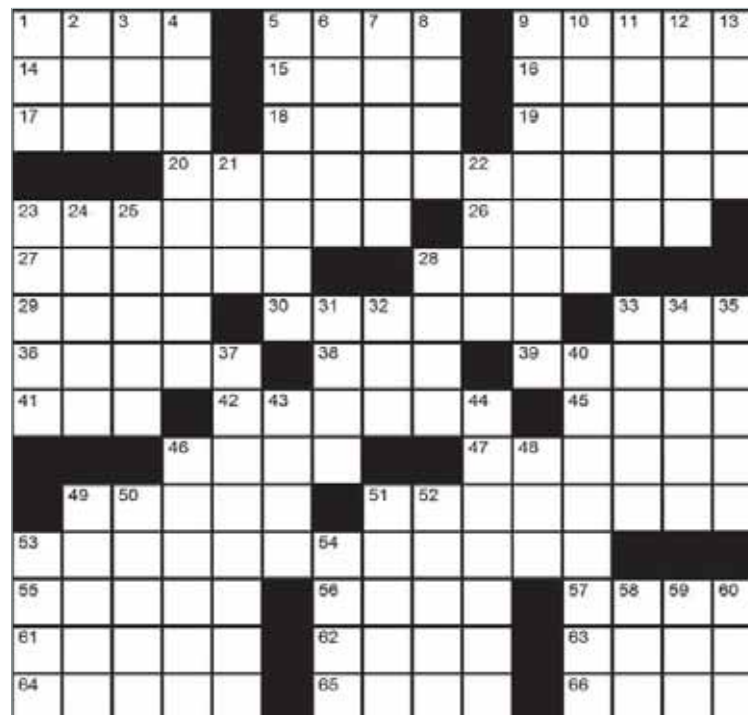
Feb. 20 - March 20

Something you've worried about will worry you no longer come the end of the week. Cosmic activity in and around your birth sign means your outlook is changing.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. Brush alternative
5. Zippo
9. Scandinavian language, in Oslo's country
14. Iridescent gem
15. Aesir ruler
16. Calgary-born singer Melissa
17. Mr. Preminger
18. Western prov.
19. Story, in a house, in French
20. Town in #18-Across, a religious crossing?: 2 wds.
23. Period of History Channel's "Vikings": 2 wds.
26. R. Lee __, "Full Metal Jacket" (1987) actor
27. The Night of the __, Tennessee Williams play
28. Stubbing ____ (Ottoman-bumping result)
29. Recounted
30. King on the show at #12-Down
33. 2002 Jennifer Lopez remix album: 'I to __ L-O!'
36. Mr. Bratton of "The Office"
38. Sleuth, shortly
39. Plastic wrap
41. Possessed
42. Actor Mr. Garfield
45. Wrongdoing, in law



46. So longs
47. "That's good enough.": 2 wds.
49. Analyze/break down
51. Canadian actress Ms. Gilsig (More at #12-Down!)
53. As per #30-Across... Female warrior like the char-

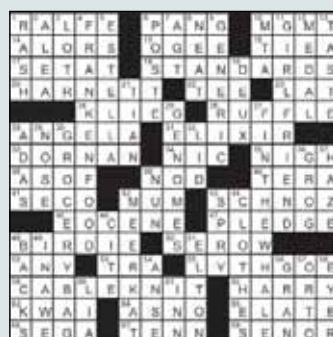
- acter Lagertha
55. " __ la vista, baby." - The Terminator
56. Reverse
57. Wild-no-more
61. Synthetic fibre
62. Appear to be
63. Ottawa Senators defenceman Chris Phillips, pronounced KRIHS FIHL-__

64. Alter text
 65. Gibraltar, et al.
 66. Droops
- Down**
1. Dove's sound effect
 2. Choose
 3. Doorway carpet
 4. Passage-hindering war tactic
 5. Coffee-orderer's request: 2 wds.

6. On __ (How pranks might begin)
7. CDs parts, variantly
8. Cross of ancient Egypt
9. Free from typos, for instance: 2 wds.
10. Prompt: 2 wds.
11. The Cloister and the Hearth novelist Charles

12. #51-Across' role on History Channel's "Vikings"
13. Twittering Machine artist, Paul __ (b.1879 - d.1940)
21. Lucas' Solo
22. Alpha, __ gamma...
23. Trench
24. Prefix to 'phobia'
25. Reign'd
28. 'A' of AM
31. Tots up
32. Eur. country
33. Creature of Scandinavian folklore
34. Robust
35. 19th-century composer Mr. Bruckner
37. Alberta town southeast of Edmonton
40. Plato's lost island
43. Require
44. Wisenesses
46. Crackers brand
48. Literary monogram
49. Shoppers Drug Mart, e.g.
50. Theatre lane
51. Wayne Gretzky's wife
52. Downy duck
58. Sock's coverer, often
54. Make messy
58. '80s band from Norway
59. Car advertisement fig.
60. Curved letter

Yesterday's Crossword



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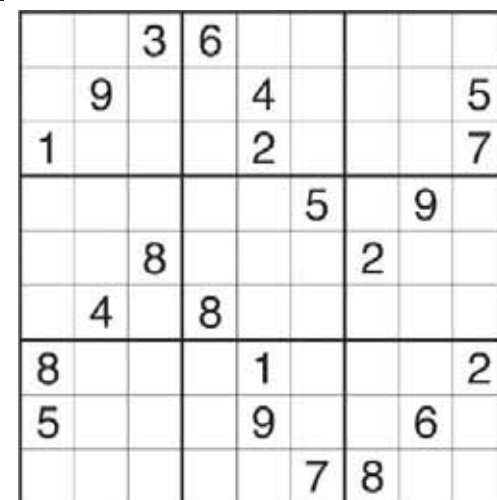


Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



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